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The Independent Colleges and Universities of Texas, Inc.

- ICUT is a non-profit, 501(c)(6) supporting the institutional missions of Texas' 38 non-profit, regionally accredited independent colleges and universities in Texas.
- ICUT institutions enrolled 124,436 students (Fall 2014), representing 20.5% of the total student enrollment in all four-year colleges and universities in Texas.
- ICUT's 38 member institutions include 5 Historically Black Colleges and Universities (HBCU) and 10 Hispanic Serving Institutions (HSI).
- ICUT's member institutions range in size from a student population of 200 to over 15,000.



Did You Know? ICUT will celebrate its 50-year anniversary in 2015!

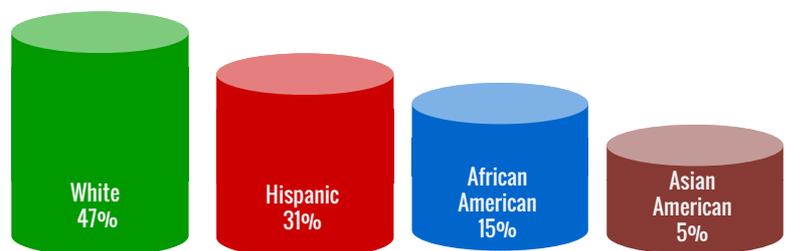


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Tuition Equalization Grant Program (TEG)

- Reduces taxpayer costs for higher education by providing limited financial assistance to needy low and middle-income Texas students attending Texas independent institutions of higher education.
- Helps bridge the tuition gap between lower priced state universities and independent universities.
- Assists students whose financial circumstances limit their college opportunities.
- Encourages independent institutions of higher education to expand and continue sharing the task of educating a rapidly growing Texas student population.
- Strengthens independent institutions of higher education in Texas by helping them maintain ethnically and economically diverse student bodies.

TEG Recipients Reflect the Face of Texas



TEG Recipients Demonstrate Financial Need



62%

Of TEG Students
Also Receive a
Pell Grant

In FY 2012-13, independent institutions of higher education in Texas employed 26,649 full and part-time employees and spent \$1.5 billion to support their day-to-day operations.



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TEG – Who is Eligible?



- **Must be a qualified Texas resident** meeting the conditions for paying public Texas resident tuition.
- **Must establish financial need** as required by the Texas Higher Education Coordinating Board.
- **Be enrolled at least three-quarter time** at an approved Texas independent institution of higher education.
- **Earn 24 Semester Credit Hours (SCH)** per year while maintaining a minimum 2.5 G.P.A.
- **Not receive any form of athletic scholarship** while receiving TEG.

TEG – Working for ALL Texans



- **Over 72% of TEG recipients are from a family with average yearly income of \$51,000 or less.**
- TEG helps students with the greatest financial need. **Approximately 62% of current TEG recipients also receive a Pell Grant.**
- TEG helps meet Texas' increasing demand for higher education **without additional formula funding or other state investments** in personnel, benefits or infrastructure.
- **Current TEG funding levels serve only 51% of eligible students** at Texas independent institutions of higher education.



Independent institutions of higher education added \$14.4 billion in income to the Texas economy in FY 2012-13!

General Talking Points for the TEG Program

- TEG helps low- and middle-income Texas residents who cannot afford tuition at a Texas independent institution. Pell grant recipients are the neediest students in US higher education. Approximately 62% of TEG students receive Pell grants; 38% are middle-income students whose families have an average income of about \$55,000.
- TEG helps meet Texas' increasing demand for higher education without additional formula funding, tuition revenue bonds or other state investments in personnel, benefits or infrastructure.
- TEG reduces taxpayer costs for higher education because its statutory maximum grant levels are a percentage of the amount the Legislature appropriated per state university student FTE in the previous biennium. This year a student with ordinary TEG need may receive up to 50% (\$3,250) of what the Legislature appropriated for a state university student in the 2012-2013 biennium. A student with exceptional TEG need, i.e. one with an Expected Family Contribution (EFC) of \$1000 or less may receive up to 75% (\$4,875) of the appropriation for a state university student.
- Those grant amounts are lower than the grant amounts for the 2012-2013 biennium due to budget cuts at state universities made during the 82nd Legislature.
- Fewer than 41% of TEG students identify themselves as white; Hispanic students account for more than 31% of TEG students; 15% are African American; nearly 6% are Native American, Asian American or of mixed backgrounds.
- TEG students must meet the same hours of enrollment and satisfactory academic progress standards as TEXAS Grant students and must meet the same time limits for graduation.
- Texas independent institutions have higher graduation rates than Texas state universities and TEG students have higher graduation rates than TEXAS Grant students.